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## Robert E. Lee

The anniversary of the birth of Virginia's ideal man, soldier and leader will be celebrated tomorrow in the states over which waved proudly the Stars and Bars, now forever furled but still embalmed in hearts as true as those whose blood laved it on many a hard fought field. It is not treason for southerners to love that flag and treasure its memory as sacred to a cause for which a million men stood ready to do and die, but it would be ignoble in them to love it less, because it is lost in substance and lives only as a sentiment, a memory. In the flight of years we have come to view the men of the time of the Southern Confederacy in an analytical way, and hesitate not to pick out the flaws in the public and private character of those whose names stand out bold-est on the pages that record their daring, but of the names written largest in all that galaxy of brave and noble men, north and south, Lee's is the most conspicuous for his purity, nobility of character, self sacrifice and devotion to duty.

No man is greater than that for which he stands, his ideals. He who will sacrifice his darling ambition for a principle, who will willingly lay upon the altar of his country all that is dearest in a soldier's life: fame, power, the right to command a great nation's armies, in order to espouse a cause he must have felt was fruitless, because he believed the cause just, is too great a man to be lost when his battle flags are furled. Such a man was Robert E. Lee, and the fleeting years but bring out bolder the strong lines in his character until now his name is linked with the proudest traditions of a common country whose flag and constitution and destiny are one.

We are told that a chord once set in motion goes on forever and is lost in infinity; that a pebble cast into the deep will send its ripples from shore to shore; that the spark of divinity breathed into man is immortal, and links him with God. As a man thinketh, so is he. As a man meets a great crisis in his life, so is he. As he fights for his ideals, as he sacrifices his earthly fame for a principle, so is he. As he accepts defeat, overcomes obstacles, as he lifts the burdens of others, as he retains his faith in man and God, so is he. The world now knows Lee, the man, the conqueror, that is why millions of people will pause tomorrow to honor the memory of the South's great chieftain and in so doing, honor themselves.

## A Pernicious Bill

A member of the General Assembly has introduced a bill that is grossly unjust to the farmers and those people who borrow on real estate security. We gather from the newspaper reports that this bill in effect would make one class of taxes for the money lender and another for the borrower. It proposes to make a flat rate of say twenty five cents on the one hundred dollars on

all evidences of bonded indebtedness while the man who owns the property upon which the money is loaned will pay whatever rate the county boards of supervisors or the city councils of the towns see fit to levy.

Let us illustrate so that our readers will understand the real meaning of this obnoxious measure. A lends B \$500 on his farm, assessed say at \$1000. Under this proposed law when A returns this bond for taxation the rate would be twenty-five cents on the \$100, while the borrower in Williamsburg would pay on the property on which the \$500 loan is made \$1.25 on the \$100. The patron of the bill gave two reasons why it should become a law. The first was, that owing to the high rate in cities, lenders evaded the law and made no returns of bonds (deeds of trusts); and that capital seeking investment would be wary of investing under such conditions. Second, that it is double taxation.

The bill is so manifestly marked with favoritism to the monied interests that we are at a loss to understand how a fair-minded man could even offer such a measure. The same newspaper report says Governor Mann favors the passage of the bill. We cannot believe that this is true, for the meaning of the legislation proposed is too obvious.

The effect of this law would be highly demoralizing and tend to make the already heavy burden of the farmers more burdensome. The property owner would have to carry the burden of taxes shifted from the shoulders of the men and corporations dealing in money as a commodity. Real estate now pays the larger part of all taxes and none of it escapes. The rascally capitalist who hides his securities in bank vaults and annually perjures himself to save a few paltry dollars that belong to his state as his share of the tax burden, would be just as apt to continue to perjure himself if the rate were made ten cents instead of twenty-five cents on the hundred. A rouge will steal a silver dollar just as quickly as he would a gold coin.

The argument about double taxation is as silly as one would find in an old maid's debating society. Because A lends B \$500, secured on real estate, does not deprive B of the use of the said real estate, nor lessen its actual or market value. Nor is A any poorer for having made the loan, because his \$500 is presumably as safe as if he had it in his bank. Moreover, A is drawing 6 per cent. interest on it and in this way it is really of more value to him than it was locked up in bank vaults drawing perhaps 4 per cent. The instances of double taxation are as rare as hen's teeth.

Let us hope, for the sake of the borrowers and the land owners, that this pernicious bill is promptly defeated.

## Southwest's View of Rhea

The following is taken from a recent issue of the Sandy Valley News, published at Grundy, Buchanan county. E. H. Witten's name (and it is a familiar one to us) stands at the head of the editorial column as proprietor. This is how the News, printed at Corporation Commissioner Rhea's home, sees him:

"In the name of Israel's God, have you seen the face of Bill Rhea lately? It would take no Calvary or resurrection to prove that he is the son of the Prince of Devils. Some one pointed him out to us in the lobby at Murphy's Hotel and if all the men, whom he has started on the downward road to perdition, by his corrupt methods, had been around him shrieking their curses in his ears, his face would not have looked more horrible or repulsive.

"If when he dies he happens to dodge the gate keepers of hell and get in among the angels of that region, we believe the doctors of that black abode will order the place fumigated."

Under the caption, "Get Better Spiritually," the News says by way of warning to the ungodly:

"We have four or five earnest Christians, well educated pulpit orators and Sky Pilots in our town,

who give us the way bill to Heaven at least twice a week on the average, and the people are no more responsive to their entreaties to lead a Christ like life, than if they were blocks of wood. If we don't listen to them, we fear that Grundy is going to have mighty few harpers in Heaven and a host of hoodlums in Hell."

Phew! Smell the sulphur? This is the style of journalism that makes fat grave yards in some countries.

Williamsburg is flooded with the samples of a patent medicine which are handed out to, or are being gotten by, little children who eat them as candy. Only yesterday a little girl came to this office with a sample box of kidney pills and two boxes of a dyspepsia remedy. It would appear to us that this is a dangerous habit, this indiscriminate handing out of sample medicine. The drugs are harmless, perhaps, if taken according to directions, but a child might take too much with dire results. We have seen these samples scattered broadcast over the town, thrown in hallways, yards, porches, and even littering the sidewalks. It is a dangerous practice and may result in the death of a child. The local druggists have nothing to do with this practice and are nowise responsible. But the city council should not lose a moment in adopting a stringent ordinance against the indiscriminate scattering of samples of drugs about town. It is too serious a matter to be passed over lightly.

The re-election of the Hon. D. G. Tyler to be Judge of this 14th circuit without opposition, is very gratifying. Judge Tyler has reflected great credit upon his high office and upon the state. Virginia is fortunate to have such high-toned and honorable men in her judiciary.

It is understood that the James City supervisors will at once close the hunting season. That is right, now let all the other Peninsula counties follow this example.

May we ask our regular correspondents to mail letters to reach us not later than Tuesday? Will they not try to write regularly hereafter, so that the public may know what is happening all over the Peninsula? The Gazette is anxious to make this department a strong feature of the paper. Will you not assist us to make The Gazette of more value and interest to its readers?

## Absent Family Heard From

Word has been received here this week from the family of Mrs. T. F. Johnson, who formerly owned the Williamsburg Hotel, that Mrs. Johnson, her son Harold, and L. Jaycox, who lived with them, had about recovered from a severe illness of typhoid. Young Harold was left a cripple from the disease. They live on a farm near Rockford, Ill. Mr. Johnson is said to be living in Maryland, having left his family. Mrs. Clark, who lived near Ewell, nursed the people through their illness.

Mrs. L. Larson, who formerly lived here, now resides at Baden, S. D., where she was recently appointed postmaster.

J. H. Hume, who has been studying pharmacy in a Richmond medical college for several months, has passed successfully the examination before the state board, and has been awarded a certificate as a registered pharmacist. He is the druggist at the hospital here.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

Messrs. R. L. Spencer and H. N. Phillips were in Richmond the first of the week.

## News Around the Courthouse

Things have been dull around the courthouse since the beginning of the storm, but occasionally a deed comes in for record. Last week a deed was recorded from the Carolina Pine Lumber Co. to W. W. Old and Horatio C. Hoggard, of Norfolk, conveying to the latter "Big Neck" and "Grices," aggregating 640 acres. This tract lies near the Warwick county line. The new owners bought it for hunting and fishing purposes, as well as speculation. The price paid was \$8,000.

A deed was recorded yesterday from Edward May, of Norfolk, conveying to H. A. Cooley, of this city, the farm known as "Indigo Dam," containing 463 acres. The price named in the deed was \$8,000. This is said to be a fine timber tract.

The big mortgage deed of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. has been spread on the records, making 54 pages of typewritten matter. This is the largest deed ever recorded here.

Clerk Geddy, who underwent a successful operation in a Richmond hospital some weeks ago, went to that city to consult his physician about the progress of his recovery. His condition was pronounced satisfactory and judging from his looks, we must agree with the doctor's verdict.

City Sergeant Wilkins and Commissioner of the Revenue Binns are comfortably located in the room adjoining the jury room in the courthouse, and by the change the city saves \$60 a year. It is said other offices will be located in the courthouse later.

R. L. Spencer has assumed his duties as deputy treasurer for James-town district and Williamsburg. He is asking delinquents to "pony up" promptly or take the consequences meted out by law to those who do not pay the stipend to the state.

## To Redistrict State

A bill has been introduced in the legislature, redistricting the state for members of the general assembly. Under this bill, New Kent, Charles City, James City and Williamsburg would be entitled to a delegate. Warwick would be tacked on to Princess Anne, with one delegate. York would go with Northampton, with one delegate.

In the senate Williamsburg would be in the thirty fourth district with New Kent, Charles City, James City, Prince George, York and Gloucester. Evidently, this bill will hardly pass, as there will be strong opposition to the arrangement.

## Where to Worship Sunday

## EPISCOPAL.

Bruton Parish Church.  
E. Ruffin Jones, Rector.  
Morning service, 11:15 a. m.  
Evening service, 8 p. m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday 11:15; 3rd Sunday 8 a. m.  
In the Parish House—Sunday school, 10 a. m.

## BAPTIST.

M. J. Hoover, Pastor.  
Services every Sunday at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

## METHODIST.

Rev. J. T. Whitley, D. D., Pastor.  
Regular preaching services 11:15 a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Wednesday, night services at 8 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Mr. C. B. Griffin Sunday school superintendent.  
Epworth League Sunday at 7 p. m.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. R. L. Walton, Pastor.  
Services every Sunday at 11, and p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

## LUTHERAN.

Rev. Edward Brekhuis, Pastor.  
Services every 4th Sunday 3 p. m. at Bruton Parish church.  
Services at Norge Sunday mornings at 10:30. Sunday School at close of service. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Young People's Society meets every second Saturday at 8 p. m.

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Sunday School and communion every Sunday morning. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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## In Implements

We will handle Pittsburg Perfect Wire Fence, Barbed, Smooth and Galvanized Wire, etc. Harness, Robes, and Blankets, Wagons, Buggies, Carriages and all other Agricultural Implements. We will get what you need, if anything special at a price that will please you.

The store will be open from 7:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M. and longer if notified. Phone No. 8 will always answer your inquiries and attend to your orders which will be delivered to any part of the city.

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Plates, all sizes, Special, .05

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